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## SENATE BILL No. 133

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 5-10.2-5.

**Synopsis:** PERF COLA and thirteenth check. Provides for a cost of living adjustment for a retired member of the public employees' retirement fund (PERF) (or a survivor or beneficiary of a member). Provides that the pension portion of the monthly benefit payable to a retired PERF member, excluding elected officials, may not be less than \$180. Provides for a thirteenth check based on the complete years of service credited to a member at retirement. Repeals the current provision requiring the monthly benefit payable to a retired PERF member to be at least \$180.

**Effective:** July 1, 2008; January 1, 2009.

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January 8, 2008, read first time and referred to Committee on Pensions and Labor.

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Second Regular Session 115th General Assembly (2008)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning pensions.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 5-10.2-5-43 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2008]: **Sec. 43. (a) The pension portion (plus postretirement**  
4 **increases to the pension portion) provided by employer**  
5 **contributions of the monthly benefit payable after December 31,**  
6 **2008, to a member of the public employees' retirement fund (or to**  
7 **a survivor or beneficiary of a member of the public employees'**  
8 **retirement fund) who retired or was disabled before January 1,**  
9 **2008, shall be increased by:**

10           (1) two percent (2%) for members who retired after  
11           December 31, 1999; and

12           (2) two and one-half (2.5%) percent for members who retired  
13           before January 1, 2000.

14       (b) In addition to any other cost of living increase provided  
15 under this chapter, the pension portion (plus postretirement  
16 increases to the pension portion) provided by employer  
17 contributions of the monthly benefit payable after December 31,



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2008, to a member of the public employees' retirement fund (or to a survivor or beneficiary of a member of the public employees' retirement fund) who is a retired member of the fund with at least ten (10) years of creditable service may not be less than one hundred eighty dollars (\$180).

(c) Subsection (b) does not apply to a member of the public employees' retirement fund (or to a survivor or beneficiary of a member of the public employees' retirement fund) whose creditable service was earned only as an elected official.

(d) The increases specified in this section:

(1) are based on the date of the member's latest retirement or disability;

(2) do not apply to benefits payable in a lump sum; and

(3) are in addition to any other increase provided by law.

SECTION 2. IC 5-10.2-5-34 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009].

SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008] (a) As used in this SECTION, "fund" refers to the public employees' retirement fund established by IC 5-10.3-2-1.

(b) Not later than December 1, 2008, the fund shall pay the amount determined under subsection (c) to a member of the fund (or to a survivor or beneficiary of a member) who retired or was disabled before January 1, 2008, and who is entitled to receive a monthly benefit on November 1, 2008. The amount shall be paid as a single check and is not an increase in the pension portion of the monthly benefit.

(c) The amount paid under this SECTION to a member of the fund (or to a survivor or beneficiary of a member) who meets the requirements of subsection (b) is determined as follows:

If a Member's Creditable Service Is:	The Amount of the Check Is:
At least 5 years, but less than 10 years (only in the case of a member receiving disability retirement benefits)	\$50
At least 10 years, but less than 20 years	\$100
At least 20 years, but less than 30 years	\$175
At least 30 years	\$225

(d) The creditable service used to determine the amount paid to a member (or to a survivor or beneficiary of the member) under this SECTION is the creditable service that was used to compute the member's retirement benefit under IC 5-10.2-4-4, except that partial years of creditable service may not be used to determine the

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- 1        **amount paid under this SECTION.**
- 2        **(e) This SECTION expires January 1, 2009.**

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